

REMARKS

No drawing revisions or corrections have been requested. A single error in the Specification as pointed out by the Examiner at column 7, lines 30-33, has been corrected.

This reissue application was submitted with Claims 1-22 of the issued patent and new Claims 23-61. To minimize possible confusion of the record the original claim numbers have been retained for the claims that have been reformatted.

The Examiner has withdrawn Claims 28-31, 33, and 40-44, as being outside the immediate scope of this reissue proceeding. Applicants hereby reserve those claims for possible inclusion in a divisional reissue application.

Claims 1-12, 14-21, 23-27, 34-39, 53, and 55-60 have been allowed.

Rejected Claims 13, 32, 45-47, 51, 52 and 61 have now been canceled.

Claim 22 was objected to as dependent on Claim 13, which was rejected. Claim 22 has now been reformatted into an independent form to include all of the provisions and limitations of Claim 13, and is therefore understood to now be allowable.

Claim 48 was objected to as depending from Claims 45 and 46, which had been rejected. Claim 48 has now been reformatted into an independent form including all the provisions and limitations of Claims 45 and 46, and is therefore understood to now be allowable.

Claims 49 and 50 dependent upon Claim 48 should now be allowable.

Claim 54 was objected to because of a misspelled word, and has now been corrected accordingly.

It is therefore submitted that this application is now allowable with Claims 1-12, 14-27, 34-39, 48-50, and 53-60. Issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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**STATEMENT UNDER RULE 1.178
Of Lost Patent**

The undersigned within the past few days inquired of Mr. Lawrence Koh, the owner of and Applicant in this reissue application, about return of the original Letters Patent. Mr. Koh reviewed his files yesterday and called me back, advising that the original patent had already been returned to me at my request. I then reviewed all of our files for Mr. Koh, which are rather numerous, but we did not find the original Letters Patent. Since I had moved my office from California to Oregon several months after the original patent was issued, there is a possibility that it was lost during that process. At the present time it does appear to be lost.

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